

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-431

Rogney House

Sparks, Baltimore County

Circa 1830

Private

Rogney House is located near the historic village of Sparks in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. As early as 1850, the village of Sparks and the road that connected it to Philopolis, were non-existent. The land that later became the community, lying east of the Gunpowder Falls, was traversed only by a few farms. The 1850 Atlas shows York Road in place as well as the Susquehanna Railroad. Along these corridors, the beginnings of a village is seen on both the 1850 and 1877 maps. The dwelling is seen on the 1850 Atlas belonging to B. Matthews. In 1877 it is seen as B.P. Matthews along with the addition of a blacksmith shop. At this time, along York Road were a cluster of dwellings and non-residential buildings such as a grist and saw mill, the J.B. Lamb Boarding School, the Philopolis Post Office, and several school houses, and a store. The 1915 Atlas depicts the complex as part of W.C. Brooks Marble Works.

This circa 1830 vernacular dwelling is sited on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape. The house is of random rubble stone construction and sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The original house was two stories wide and two stories in height. Two bays were added on the side elevation at a later date and the house was given a hipped roof. The first story is four bays wide with an off-center entrance, which contains a recessed single-leaf wood panel-and-light door. Two wood lintels support the end bay openings on the first story, and each window on the second story features stone lug sills. The three first story windows are 8x8 wood casements with two-light transoms. The second story contains four 2/2 double-hung wood sash. The roof features overhanging eaves, a molded wood cornice, and is clad with asphalt shingles. The original two bay house was heated with one interior-end brick corbeled chimney. The addition features one interior-end stone chimney with a concrete cap. A large two-story frame ell addition is seen on the rear elevation. It is capped with a hipped roof and features a one-story porch on the façade. Rising above this section is an interior-center brick corbeled chimney. Associated with this property are seven historic outbuildings; a blacksmith shop, office, tenant house, shed, springhouse, stable, and an icehouse.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Rogney House

other

2. Location

street and number 14943 York Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John Barone

street and number 14943 York Road telephone

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152-9320

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 34/54

city, town Towson liber 1394 folio 407

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	8	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	9	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This dwelling faces southwest towards York Road and is sited on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape. Mature and immature trees surround this property and a paved driveway leads to the house. The circa 1830 vernacular house is of random rubble stone construction and sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The original house was two stories wide and two stories in height. Two bays were added on the side elevation at a later date and the house was given a hipped roof. The first story is four bays wide with an off-center entrance, which contains a recessed single-leaf wood panel-and-light door.

Two wood lintels support the end bays on the first story, and each window opening on the first story also features wood louvered shutters. Each window on the second story features stone lug sills. The three first story windows are 8x8 wood casements with two-light transoms. The second story contains four 2/2 double-hung wood sash. The roof features overhanging eaves, a molded wood cornice, and is clad with asphalt shingles. The original two bay house was heated with one interior-end brick corbeled chimney. The addition features one interior-end stone chimney with a concrete cap. A large two-story frame ell addition is seen on the rear elevation. It is capped with a hipped roof and features a one-story porch on the façade. Rising above this section is an interior-center brick corbeled chimney.

Associated with this property are seven historic buildings, two non-historic buildings, and one historic object. First, is a circa 1880 store two stories high and three bays wide set close to the road. According to the 1877 Atlas it appears this building functioned as a blacksmith shop. It sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation and is constructed of wood frame clad with German wood siding. The façade is lighted with three 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows, one 4-light wood fixed window, and one 4-light wood casement window. It has one center doorway containing a single-leaf 4-panel wood door. A front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles caps the store and one center-interior brick corbeled chimney is seen above the roof. Other features include square-edged surrounds, corner boards, and wide eaves. A circa 1910 two-story addition clad with board-and-batten siding is seen on the rear elevation. On the side elevation is a one-story wood frame addition functioning as a garage.

Adjacent to the store and set close to the road is a circa 1900 wood frame office building. It stands one story high, measures two bays across, and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. It is capped with a front gable roof featuring overhanging eaves and exposed roof rafters. The façade is illuminated with one 6/6 double-hung wood sash window with a square-edged surround, and contains a single-leaf 6-panel wood door. It is clad with German wood siding featuring corner boards.

Also sited close to the road is a wood frame tenant house dating from the second quarter of the 19th century. It is set into the hill and stands three stories high and measures three bays across. It sits on a raised random rubble stone foundation and is capped with a side gable roof covered with standing-seam metal. The façade features 6/6 double-hung windows and 6-light wood casement windows. Across two bays of the basement is a shed roof porch supported with square wood posts. Standing in front of this building is a circa 1920 "Fleet Wing" gas pump by Fry Virible.

Behind the house sited on a hill is a circa 1940 shed set on a raised random rubble

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stone pier foundation. It is wood frame clad with German wood siding featuring corner boards. It is capped with a front gable roof with slightly overhanging eaves. It is one story high and two bays across with two single-leaf wood vertical-plank doors. A pyramidal cupola is set on the center ridge of the asphalt shingle roof.

Next, is a circa 1850 random rubble stone springhouse capped with a replacement side gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It has a center door opening and a side well in a stone retaining wall.

A wood frame stable associated with this property dates circa 1920 and has a front gable roof covered with rolled asphalt. The side elevation has side frame addition with a split gable roof. It is clad with German wood siding.

Next, a circa 1850 icehouse sits to the rear of the store. It is 18 feet deep, stone lined, and has a pyramidal asphalt shingle roof. A front gable dormer is seen on the northwest elevation.

One circa 1980 non-historic garage is associated with this property. It stands one story high and one bay wide. It is wood frame clad with aluminum siding and capped with a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Finally, there is a circa 1990 prefabricated shed clad with pressed vertical boards. It stands one story high and one bay wide and is covered with a front gambrel roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
1600-1699	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ health/medicine	___ performing arts	
1700-1799	___ archeology	___ education	___ industry	___ philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	___ engineering	___ invention	___ politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	___ art	___ entertainment/ recreation	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000-	___ commerce	___ ethnic heritage	___ law	___ science	
	___ communications	___ exploration/ settlement	___ literature	___ social history	
	___ community planning		___ maritime history	___ transportation	
	___ conservation		___ military	___ other:	

Specific dates 1830 ca.

Architect

Construction dates 1830 ca.

Builder

Evaluation for:

___ National Register

___ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Endnotes

1. J.C. Sidney, Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).
2. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).
3. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).
4. Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

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Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. A History of Baltimore County. Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem,

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Sidney, J. C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>10.32 Acres</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Rogne House, constructed circa 1830, is located at 14943 York Road in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with tax map 34 and parcel 54 since its construction.

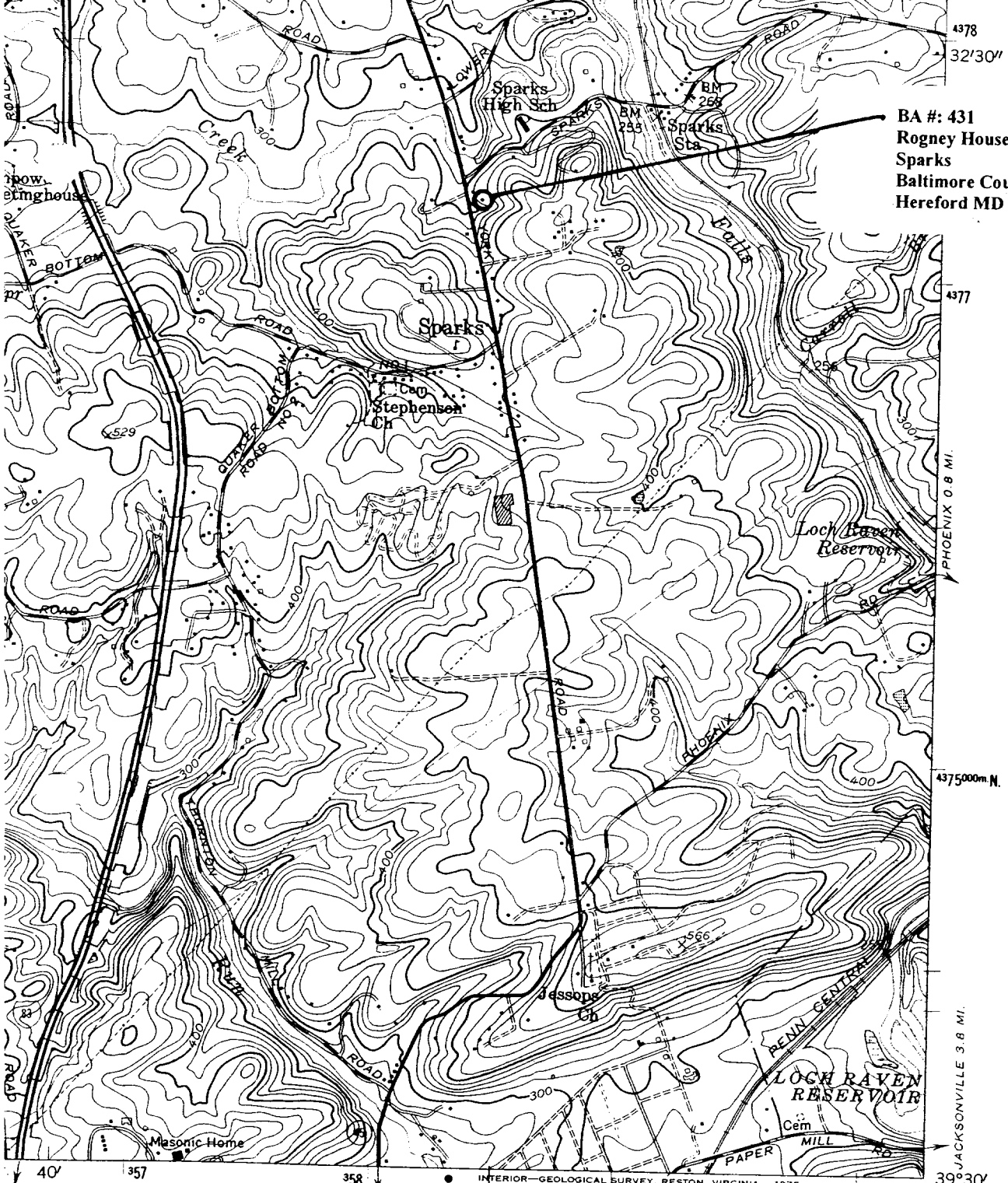
11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	<u>Washington</u>	state	<u>DC</u> zipcode <u>20001</u>

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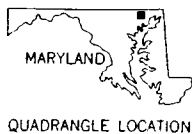


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Rogney House
Sparks
Baltimore County
Hereford MD USGS Map

40' 357 358 359 76°37'30" 39°30' 360°00m E
COCKEYSVILLE 1.3 MI.
TOWSON (COURTHOUSE) 7.4 MI.
COCKEYSVILLE 1.6 MI.
JACKSONVILLE 3.8 MI.
PHOENIX 0.8 MI.
4378
32'30"
4377
4375000m N.
5662' NE (TOWSON)

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty
Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

HEREFORD, MD.

N 3930—W 7637.5/7.5

1958

PHOTOREVISED 1974

AMS 5663 II SW—SERIES V833



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